



Brownfields 2017 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet

Discover Downtown Middlesboro, Middlesboro, KY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Discover Downtown Middlesboro for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Home property at 2022 Cumberland Avenue. The cleanup site formerly served as a convalescent home for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from 1911 to 1919. From 1919 through the 1950s, the property housed a hospital, followed by offices, apartments, and various storefronts until the building was vacated in 2012. The site is contaminated with metals and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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